



Snohomish County Council
Planning and Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

Nate Nehring, Committee Chair
Megan Dunn, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Sam Low, Jared Mead

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst
Russell Wiita, Legislative Aide
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

10:30 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Nehring
Committee Vice-Chair Dunn
Committee Member Wright
Committee Member Low
Committee Member Mead
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Frank Slusser, Planning & Development Services
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide remote public comment via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion 21-320, convening Board of Equalization

[2021-0713](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and stated there are no fiscal impacts.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session September 29th for consideration.

2. Ordinance 21-068, an Interlocal Agreement between the Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management for Incident Management Assistance within Snohomish County for mass vaccination efforts [2021-0677](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. He explained that this ordinance would enable the Department of Emergency Management to receive FEMA grant money through the Snohomish Health District to recover costs with assisting in mass vaccination efforts. He stated this ordinance has been recommended for approval by Risk Management and by the Executive's Office.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session September 29th to set time and date for a public hearing.

3. Motion 21-334, referring proposed code revisions relating to increasing exemption thresholds for minor new construction and adopting new categorical exemptions per the State Environmental Policy Act to promote infill development in Urban Growth Areas to the Department of Planning and Development Services [2021-0742](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a detailed staff report and background information. He explained that since proposed changes are merely procedural and not substantive land use changes, the referral is only to the Planning and Development Services Department not to the Planning Commission.

Responding to Committee Chair Nehring, Mr. Countryman elaborated on appeal rights/perception vs. practical.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn inquired about improving notice and asked about suggestions for noticing and outreach. Mr. Countryman responded.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session September 29th for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Updated Scope and Alternatives [2021-0746](#)
Frank Slusser, Planning & Development Services

Frank Slusser, Planning & Development Services, provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation and continued discussion from previous Planning Committees about the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update regarding the Scope of Policy Review and SEPA Alternatives.

Mr. Slusser responded to Committee Chair Nehring's questions related to minor UGA adjustments, higher growth options, growth targets, and contingency plans.

Mr. Slusser continued with the presentation and spoke about Draft Land Use Alternatives. He responded to questions from Committee Chair Nehring regarding Alternative 2. Mr. Slusser continued speaking about the alternatives.

Mr. Slusser spoke about next steps; moving into scoping and opportunities for public comment.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn inquired about possible impacts to the alternatives from changes that were made to Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs). Mr. Slusser responded.

Committee Member Low thanked Mr. Slusser for all of his work and stated it has been very informative.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.